

MINUTES

State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Time

1:00 p.m.

Location

**Rutledge Conference Center
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina**

Michael R. Brennan, Chair

Samuel Ivan Randolph, PhD, Chair-elect

Molly M. Spearman

State Superintendent of Education

Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

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SBE Mission: The State Board of Education's mission is to provide a leadership role in helping South Carolina set policy and direction to transform teaching and learning so that students are prepared with the necessary knowledge and skills, including innovation, to compete globally and live a productive life.

I. WELCOME

The State Board of Education (SBE) meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. Chair Brennan called the meeting to order. Prior to the posting of the flags, in honor of Flag Day, Chair Brennan recognized board member James Stroman to share the story of Mike Christian commemorating the occasion. Chair Brennan asked that in acknowledgment of the approaching anniversary of the massacre at Emmanuel Church and the recent massacre in Orlando, that we observe a moment of silence.

The following SBE members were in attendance: Mike Brennan, Chair, Governor's Appointee; Samuel Alston, EdD, First Judicial Circuit; Janice Murray Gamble, EdD, Third Judicial Circuit; Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Fifth Judicial Circuit; James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Jane P. Harmon, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Ivan Randolph, PhD, Chair-elect, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Sharon Wall, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; David Whittemore, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Renee R. Hembree, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and Members absent with apologies were Richard Kizer, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; and Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Betsy Carpentier, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Superintendent; Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy

Superintendent and Parliamentarian, Division for Legal Affairs; Sheila Quinn, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources, Julie Fowler, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness; Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance; Liz Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Robert Benn, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Lori Smith, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Don Cantrell, Chief Information Officer, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; Katie Nigles, Law Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs, and LaTonia Holloway, Administrative Assistant, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR MAY 11, 2016

Chair Brenan asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as presented for the SBE meeting on May 11, 2016. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR JUNE 14, 2016

Chair Brenan asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda as presented for the June 14, 2016, SBE meeting. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Brenan welcomed visitors to the SBE meeting.

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Brenan reminded everyone that we are here for one reason and one reason only, which is to do things that are in the best interest of the students and teachers of South Carolina. Chair Brenan recognized Senator Greg Hembree who addressed the Board about what work has been done this past legislative session at the General Assembly. Senator Hembree stated that the State House adopted the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. Senator Hembree thanked the board members for their service and the work that they do for our state.

This concluded Chair Brenan's report.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Chair Brenan recognized Superintendent Molly Spearman to present her report. Mrs. Spearman greeted everyone and stated that June is typically the month of celebration; however, she was sad to report that a member of the SCDE staff, Mrs. Crystal Robinson Fields, Head of English Second Language (ESOL) and Title III, passed away on May 25, 2016, and stated that we mourn her death and celebrate her life. Mrs. Spearman extended congratulations to all students and teaching personnel for completing another school year. She stated that approximately 44,000 seniors across the state have graduated or are in the process of graduating. Mrs. Spearman stated that this year the SCDE put into place a new red, white and blue military honor cord which recognized students who would be going into the military following graduation. She stated that approximately 2,000 cords were given to students this year.

Mrs. Spearman and board member Traci Young-Cooper, EdD, participated in Palmetto Boys and Girls State and stated that the students elected to serve as superintendent for girls and boys state were both from Manning High School. Mrs. Spearman recognized and introduced the Teacher of the Year, Ms. Jennifer Wise, followed by a presentation of a certificate by Chair Brenan and Dr. Cooper for her accomplishments and thanked her for her hard work and dedication. Ms. Wise provided a brief presentation to the Board.

This concluded Superintendent Spearman's report.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Brenan stated that no one signed up for public comment.

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Brenan reported that the P&L subcommittee met to address five action items, four items (PL-01, PL-02, PL-03 and PL-05) were waiver request. Chair Brenan stated that waivers for PL items 02(Dillon), 03(Greenville), and 05(Richland/Lexington Five) were approved while the wavier relative to PL item 01 (Beaufort) was denied. Chair Brenan stated that relative to John de la Howe matter, it was determined by the committee that not enough information was provided to make a decision regarding the restoration of their accreditation, therefore, the committee decided to defer until the August meeting. Chair Brenan stated that all of the items discussed were placed on the consent agenda.

Chair Brenan stated that Florence District Four update would be provided later to the full board.

01. **Beaufort County School District (District) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (R.43-261), District and School Planning**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
02. **Dillon School District Four's (District) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (R.43-261), District and School Planning**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
03. **Greenville County Schools' (District) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R.43-205), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
04. **John de la Howe's (JDLH) Accreditation Action Plan Goals, Assurances, and Accompanying Documentation to Remedy 2015–16 Accreditation Deficiencies**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
05. **District Five of Lexington and Richland (District) Counties' Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-232 (R.43-232), Defined Program Grades 6–8**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

FOR INFORMATION

06. **Florence County School District Four Update**—Jennifer Morrison, Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Innovation & Effectiveness

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Brenan recognized Dr. Edwards who reported that the Committee met and heard three action items and provided a thorough explanation regarding the specifics for each of these items. Dr. Edwards stated that the Committee placed all of the items on the consent agenda. Dr. Edwards asked Mary Hipp to address the board regarding national and state level concerns relative to the Math Praxis cut scores. Ms. Hipp provided an explanation to the board, and stated that staff will obtain the information to address these concerns from ETS, Higher Education and our Districts and those findings will be reported back to the committee.

This concluded her report.

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendation for Morris College's Program Modification Requests**—Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
02. **Replacement of Praxis Content Exam and Passing Score for English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
03. **Update of Program for Alternative Certification of Educators (PACE) Guidelines**—Laura Covington, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

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Chair Brennan stated that the Standards, Learning and Accountability committee did not meet, and that the educator licensure cases from this morning were ratified in the Full Board ELC meeting at 11:30; therefore, there would be no official report.

IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Brennan recognized Mr. Ewart who reported that the Committee met and heard two action items, and three information items. He stated that IF- 01 was relative to the selection of the state textbook depository wherein R.L. Bryan was approved. Item IF-02 was dealing with the 2016 call for bids for Health K–12 Instructional Materials, wherein the committee approved to delay the Health K–12 instructional materials. All action items were placed on the consent agenda. Mr. Ewart stated that he was happy to report that the Board was in good financial standing, that in fact they would have a \$6,000 carry-over to increase the board's proposed budget of \$57,000 to \$63,000 for the 2016–17 fiscal year. This concluded his report. Mr. Ewart recognized Mellanie Jinnette for her service to the board since this would be her last meeting as Chief Financial Officer.

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Selection of State Textbook Depository**—Clare Luther, Instructional Materials Manager, Instructional Materials Section, Office of Finance

02. **2016 Call for Bids for Health K–12 Instructional Materials**—Kriss Stewart, Program Coordinator, Instructional Materials Section, Office of Finance

FOR INFORMATION

03. **Instructional Materials Allocation Methodology 2015–16 School Year**—Clare Luther, Instructional Materials Manager, Instructional Materials Section, Office of Finance
04. **Schedule of Liquidated Damages**—Clare Luther, Instructional Materials Manager, Instructional Materials Section, Office of Finance
05. **Financial Update for Fiscal Year 2015–16**—Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance

FOR INFORMATION

Chair Brennan recognized Melanie Barton, Executive Director of the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) to provide an update regarding the High School Task Force Report. Ms. Barton disbursed information regarding the results of the High School Task Force Report. Ms. Barton provided some background information relative to the task force and its origin. Ms. Barton stated that the question was raised as to how well we are doing with producing graduates that meet the profile of the SC graduate, so the task force focused on three questions:

- 1) What is the current high school experience?
- 2) How well is the current system preparing our graduates to be college and career ready?
- 3) What are the current barriers or system road blocks?

Ms. Barton shared background information with the board regarding the professional makeup of the members of the task force which comprised district superintendents, business leaders, and members from different institutions of higher education, SCSBA, just to name a few, and shared in great detail the five findings and recommendations of the task force. After much discussion and explanation, Ms. Barton asked if anyone had questions or comments. Mrs. Spearman stated that she serves on the EOC and that this information will be discussed at the September 14, 2016, Joint Meeting. She stated further that work that the SCDE is doing falls under the Uniform Grading Policy; however, there are other complex areas that are being addressed by the four work groups. Mrs. Spearman stated that it is the SCDE's goal to provide a report in the fall and be ready to go the legislature with possible recommended changes in legislation. She further stated that they agree with the recommendations of the report and that we will work collaboratively with the EOC to make certain that we continue to move forward. Dr. Cooper and Chair Brennan both commended Mrs. Spearman for her work in bringing all the parts of the Profile of the SC Graduate together, stating that this is just the next step in fully implementing her initiative.

Chair Brenan recognized Dr. Shelia Quinn and Jennifer Morrison to provide an update regarding Florence Four County School District. Dr. Quinn stated that Dr. Jefferson continues to do a great job and that she wanted to publicly acknowledge her work. She stated further that she along with Dr. Jefferson selected the new principals: Ms. Tonya Addison from Lee County will serve as principle for Johnson Middle School and Teresa Gamble from Florence One will serve as principal for Brockington Elementary School. Dr. Quinn stated that they feel very good about the selection of these individuals. Dr. Quinn recognized Jen Morrison who provided additional information regarding the District. Ms. Morrison addressed issues relative to the Special Education programs and how the district is working through them. Ms. Morrison stated that the district is very close to hiring a new Special Education Services Director, Mary Bryant, stating that she has a good deal of experience and will have the full support of the SCDE. Ms. Morrison highlighted a lot of the community based activities (i.e. summer camps for all grade levels, art performance activities and gifted and talented courses) that Dr. Jefferson is implementing in the community to make certain that they continue to be involved in this process. Mrs. Spearman again stated that Dr. Jefferson is doing a great job, but in the end we need to show results of student achievement. She stated that while their progress may not be reflective this year we are hoping for good results next year.

ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE—COMMITTEE REPORT

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SBE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Chair Brenan recognized Mr. Ronald Roveri who provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the SC Youth Education and Skills Grant and how it affects the students of South Carolina. Mr. Roveri's presentation thoroughly addressed each phase of the funding and the career readiness action plan to be put in place in all the Career Technology programs in schools across the state.

After a period of much discussion and addressing questions to clarify career field areas and student placement, Mr. Roveri stated that the grant award received in phase one was \$100,000 and if successful we would receive \$650,000 each year for three years. Mr. Roveri expressed that whether the state receives the second phase of grant funding or not, it is still the intent of the SCDE to move forward with the needs assessment.

Chair Brenan recognized Ms. Liz Jones who provided a detailed overview regarding online testing within our school districts. Ms. Jones stated that 92 percent of all of our students are now testing online for end of course test. Ms. Jones also provided additional data regarding students and schools participating in the following online tests; SCPass, SCReady, ACT and Workkeys and provided detailed information regarding the pros and the cons experienced by the school districts with these tests. Ms. Jones stated that they were really surprised that everything with all online testing went so well. Dr. Edwards asked Ms. Jones how the tests discussed would be

administered to students with disabilities. Ms. Jones explained that these students would still have access to the paper pencil test and receive any accommodations necessary for those students that have it in their Individual Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plans.

FOR INFORMATION

01. **South Carolina Youth Education and Skills (SCYES) Grant**—Ronald Roveri, Director, Office of Career and Technology Education, Division of College and Career Readiness
02. **Update on Online Testing**—Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

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Chair Brennan called for the vote for approval of the consent agenda. Dr. Wall moved that the consent agenda be approved as presented; the motion was seconded by Dr. Randolph. The motion passed unanimously.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Brennan reminded all members to turn in their travel forms prior to their departure. Additionally, Chair Brennan briefly addressed, the September 14, 2016, SBE and the EOC would meet on September 14, 2016, and again stated that more details will be provided at a later time. Chair Brennan extended well wishes to both Mr. Tepparo in his bid for County Council and to Mrs. Jinnette as she begins her new position with the Chester County School District.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 2:30 p.m.